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Chief Executive Officer

November 20, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT 1
WITH THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
FOR INSPECTION AND REPAIRS AT
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT DAMS
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that the inspection and repair of gates, valves, and related mechanical appurtenances at Los Angeles County Flood Control District dams, including the San Gabriel Dam 84-inch hollow-jet valve, are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Public Works in his capacity as Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or his designee to execute Supplemental Agreement 1 to the agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for additional services to complete the repair of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's San Gabriel Dam 84-inch hollow-jet valve and to provide additional specialized machine shop and underwater diving services at various Flood Control District dams as necessary for a total not-to-exceed fee of \$500,000; and to extend the agreement for three years.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to supplement the existing agreement with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) by \$500,000, to extend the contract period by three years to enable MWD to complete repairs to the San Gabriel Dam

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84-inch hollow-jet valve (HJV), and to provide other specialized machine shop and underwater diving services to inspect and repair various Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) dams on an as-needed basis.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3) by contracting for specialized services not required frequently and Public Safety (Goal 8) by inspecting dams and repairing the inlet/outlet works to ensure their continued safe operation for flood control.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The supplemental agreement is for a not-to-exceed fee of \$500,000. Financing for these services is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard supplemental agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for termination of services, renegotiation, hiring qualified displaced County employees, and other appropriate required standard provisions will be included.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The inspection of existing dams and repair of their gates, valves, and related mechanical appurtenances, including the San Gabriel Dam 84-inch HJV, are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act under Class 1 of Section 15301, Subsections (d) and (m).

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The MWD is a public agency of the State of California engaged in transporting, storing, and distributing water in Southern California. MWD has an extensive distribution network of dams, channels, treatment facilities, and service lines. To inspect and maintain its infrastructure, MWD has a trained underwater dive team and an extensive machine shop equipped to handle the repair and overhaul of various types and sizes of valves typical at LACFCD dams. MWD is recognized for its expertise in the field of water storage and distribution systems and has the technical skills and in-house experience required to provide such services.

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On June 29, 2004, Synopsis No. 99, your Board approved and authorized the Director of Public Works to execute a four-year agreement with MWD to perform machine shop and specialized valve repair services for the HJV and other inlet/outlet works at LACFCD dams as necessary for a not-to-exceed fee of \$250,000. In October 2005, the HJV was delivered to MWD, and a Notice to Proceed was issued based on an estimated repair cost of \$250,000. It is now apparent that an additional \$150,000 is needed to complete the repairs due to the magnitude and complexity of the required coatings work.

Many of the dams have been in service over 60 years, and their inlet/outlet works require replacements or major rehabilitation. In addition to the \$150,000 for the HJV repair, we are recommending to supplement the agreement by an additional \$350,000 (total of \$500,000) and extend the contract period three years through August 10, 2011, for MWD to perform additional as-needed inspections and machine shop services. The agreement with the proposed amendment will result in services totaling \$750,000.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Entering into the supplemental agreement to inspect LACFCD dams and repair the HJV and other inlet/outlet works will result in an improved flood protection and water conservation infrastructure.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division.

Respectfully submitted,

for 
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c: County Counsel